1. The dog, the horses, the fowls—all are wet, depressed, downcast.
2. The wind snapped and the traffic sizzled.
3. He would continually be having to run for boiling water, bread and butter…
4. “No sense in this nimrod bagging it for nothing, right?”
5. This was an event, like watching Hank Aaron…or Neil Armstrong step out onto the surface of the moon.
6. Zoltan, bundled up like a sack of grapefruit..
7. And in the water, near the opaque soap circles, . . . green water-weeds nod their heads. After bathing there is tea with cream and milk rolls…
8. I’d bailed him out, though the figure was right up there with what you’d expect for a serial killer.
9. Before me lay the immensity of the city, its jaws and molars exposed.
10. He was nothing now—a shadow, a ghost. . .
11. Just as though someone had given him a douche of cold water, he felt an agreeable chill in the pit of his stomach;
12. The goggles steamed over, pigeon feathers and flecks of airborne debris clinging to his cape.
13. I had less seniority than the guy who ran the Xerox machine.
14. Harassing him with helicopters
15. Sucked under the front bumper like a scrap of food sucked down the drain
16. They are such reptiles!
17. …a morning that could have served as a backdrop for a low-budget horror movie: full-bellied clouds, gloom, mist, nose-running cold.